

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **In the Drawings**

Please add Figures 3B and 3C as shown in the attachment.

### **In the Specification**

At page 2, line 19, please add the following paragraph:

--Figures 3B and 3C shows the connection of two straps.--

At page 11, line 6

--Figures 3B and 3C show respectively, the connection of the distal ends of two shoulder straps (300) and the connection of the distal ends of two side straps (400) with a connection of the type described just above.--

### **In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1 and 8-20 without prejudice to their later renewal and without dedicating any matter contained in those cancelled claims.

Please amend claims 2-7, 21, 24, and 25 as noted below.

2. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 additionally comprising at least one side support member disposed adjacent a lateral side region of the backpack body and having a proximal end connected to the backpack body at a second transition region between the outer region and the lateral side region and a distal end connected to one of the shoulder support members.

3. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 wherein the backpack body comprises a single, seamless, continuous member.

4. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 wherein the backpack body comprises Nylon.

5. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 wherein the backpack body comprises a fineness of between about 500 denier and about 1050 denier.

6. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 additionally comprising a yoke disposed along the backpack body top region and connected to each shoulder support member.

7. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 wherein a bottom region of the backpack body has a stiffness higher than a stiffness of the rest of the backpack body.

21. (Amended) An ergonomic backpack comprising:  
a backpack body having a top region, an outer region, lateral regions, and  
a plurality of shoulder support members, each shoulder support member having a distal end and a proximal end, each shoulder support member proximal end connected to the backpack body at a first transition region between a top region of the backpack body and an outer region of the backpack body and wherein the distal end of each shoulder support member is connected to the backpack body at a second transition region between an outer region of the backpack and a lateral side region of the backpack body.

24. (Amended) An ergonomic backpack comprising:  
a backpack body having a top region, an outer region, a bottom region, lateral regions, and a plurality of shoulder support members, each shoulder support member having a distal end and a proximal end, each shoulder support member proximal end connected to the backpack body at a first transition region between a top region of the backpack body and an outer region of the backpack body and wherein the distal end of each shoulder support member is connected to the backpack body at a third transition region between the outer region of the backpack body and the bottom region of the backpack body.

25. (Amended) An ergonomic backpack comprising:

a backpack body, and

only two shoulder support members, each shoulder support member having a distal end and a proximal end, each shoulder support member proximal end connected to the backpack body at a first transition region between a top region of the backpack body and an outer region of the backpack body and, with the distal ends of the two shoulder support members connected to each other and providing support to a lower outer region of the backpack body.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**”.